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The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE **RE: SB 1111 (Kuehl) – SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of the California Nurses Association, I am writing to express our support for SB 1111 (Kuehl). This bill would require that the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Resources Agency review international trade policies and agreements and report to the Legislature as to how they might negatively impact California environmental laws and regulations. California has been a global leader in establishing environmental standards that protect and preserve the environment as well as protecting human health.

As the reach of global trade rules increases the possibility of challenge to state laws and regulations, California legislators need to be made aware of any threats to their hard fought-for state laws. Our hard-won environmental laws to protect public health could be in conflict with new trade rules.

As the sixth largest economy in the world, California has a vital role to play in promoting trade and economic development. Yet, trade agreements, made by non-elected bodies, increasingly impact our day to day lives. As the global economy grows, it becomes even more important that trade agreements do not infringe upon our ability as a state to maintain our high standards of environmental protection and sustainability.

We urge your signature on this measure.

Sincerely,


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